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CHAIRMAN MICHAEL F. DUFFY AND COMMISSIONER ROBERT F. COHEN, JR. CONFIRMED BY THE SENATE

On March 13, 2008, the U.S. Senate confirmed the nominations of Michael F. Duffy, of the District of Columbia, and Robert F. Cohen, Jr., of West Virginia, to be Members of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, each for a six-year term expiring August 30, 2012.

Mr. Duffy has served as Chairman of the Commission since February 2003. Prior to this, he served as Deputy General Counsel of the National Mining Association. Earlier in his career, he served as Counsel to the Chairman of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission. Mr. Duffy received his bachelor's degree from Catholic University of America and received his JD from George Washington University.

Before joining the Commission, Mr. Cohen served as an attorney at Cohen, Abate and Cohen, L.C. in Morgantown and Fairmont, West Virginia. Prior to this, he was in private practice in Fairmont, West Virginia. Mr. Cohen received his bachelor's degree from Brown University and his JD from Boston University Law School.

The Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission is an independent adjudicative agency that provides administrative trial and appellate review of legal disputes arising under the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, as amended.